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P&G Case 8135&

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :
David Frances Gavin et al. :
Serial No. 09/599,624 :
Filed June 22, 2000 :
For **TOPICAL ANTI-MICROBIAL** :
COMPOSITIONS :

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified Application in the following manner and consider the accompanying remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 42-46 as follows:

42. (New) The topical composition of Claim 1 wherein said metal ion source is zinc oxide.

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